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3 What is claimed is:

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5 52 (New). A balloon display comprised of:

6 A. at least one framework for supporting balloons wherein each said at  
7 least one framework is comprised of material that includes a plurality of  
8 apertures and;

9 B. at least one first set of inflatable chambers wherein:

10 i said at least one first set is comprised of at least one inflatable  
11 chamber and;

12 ii at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one first set of  
13 inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;

14 iii at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at  
15 least one first set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by at  
16 least one first aperture of said at least one framework and;

17 C. at least one second set of inflatable chambers wherein:

18 i said at least one second set is comprised of at least one  
19 inflatable chamber and;

20 ii at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one second set of  
21 inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;

22 iii at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at least  
23 one second set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by at  
24 least one second aperture of said least one framework;

25 wherein said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and said at least one  
26 second set of inflatable chambers are held in their respective positions by  
27 positioning means that include one or more positioning means selected from  
28 the group consisting of:

29 a. at least one connector member

1. is joined by fastening means to at least one said set of inflatable chambers and
2. is joined by fastening means to at least one portion of said at least one framework;
- b. at least one connector member
  1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and
  2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second set of inflatable chambers;
- c. at least one connector member
  1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and
  2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second and adjacent set of inflatable chambers and
  3. passes through a hole in the portion of framing material between said adjacent sets of inflatable chambers;
- d. at least one connector member
  1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
  2. extends around at least one portion of said at least one framework and
  3. is joined by fastening means to the same said set of inflatable chambers by at least one second connection point;
- e. at least one connector member
  1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
  2. extends through a hole in at least one portion of said at least one framework that circumscribes said portion of at least one inflatable chamber and

1                   3. is joined by fastening means to the same said at least one  
2                   set of inflatable chambers by at least one second connection  
3                   point;

4                   f. spray adhesive

5                   1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set  
6                   of inflatable chambers and

7                   2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one  
8                   framework;

9                   g. adhesive other than spray adhesive

10                  1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set  
11                  of inflatable chambers and

12                  2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one  
13                  framework;

14                  h. at least one area of contact

15                  1. is rough in texture and/or

16                  2. is rough in form between

17                  said at least one set of inflatable chambers and said at least one  
18                  framework;

19                  i. at least one area of contact

20                  is defined within multiple planes between said at least one set of  
21                  inflatable chambers and said at least one framework;

22                  j. elastic matter

23                    1. is part of said at least one framework and

24                    2. causes pressure to be applied to said at least a portion of  
25                    said at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one set  
26                    of inflatable chambers.

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28   53 (New).    The balloon display as recited in claim 52, further comprising at least  
29                  one set of inflatable chambers being held in its respective position by  
30                  positioning means that additionally include the pneumatic pressure of at least

1 one inflatable chamber of said at least one set of inflatable chambers  
2 expanding outward against a circumscribing portion of said at least one  
3 framework .  
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5 54 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 52, further comprising at least  
6 one break or gap in the material defining said hole used for the passage of  
7 said connector member; said break or gap being sufficient for said connector  
8 member to be inserted into said hole through said break or gap.  
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10 55 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 54, further comprising said  
11 break or gap being configured such that said break or gap is resistant to said  
12 connector member exiting said hole through said break or gap.  
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14 56 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 52, further comprising  
15 said at least one connector member being at least one neck, stem, tab,  
16 protrusion or other extension of the material forming said set of inflatable  
17 chambers.  
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19 57 (New). A balloon display comprised of:

20 A. At least one framework for supporting balloons wherein:

- 21 i each said at least one framework is comprised of material that  
22 includes a plurality of apertures and;  
23 ii at least one of said plurality of apertures is formed of framing  
24 elements that are joined with interlocking tabs and;

25 B. at least one first set of inflatable chambers wherein:

- 26 i said at least one first set is comprised of at least one inflatable  
27 chamber and;  
28 ii at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one first set of  
29 inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;

- 1                   iii       at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at
- 2                               least one first set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by at
- 3                               least one first aperture of said least one framework and;
- 4       C.       at least one second set of inflatable chambers wherein:
- 5               i       said at least one second set is comprised of at least one
- 6                               inflatable chamber and;
- 7               ii       at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one second set
- 8                               of inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;
- 9               iii       at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at
- 10                              least one second set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by
- 11                              at least one second aperture of said least one framework;
- 12       wherein said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and said at least one
- 13       second set of inflatable chambers are held in their respective positions by
- 14       positioning means that include one or more positioning means selected from
- 15       the group consisting of:
- 16               a.       at least one connector member
- 17                       1.       is joined by fastening means to at least one said set of
- 18                              inflatable chambers and
- 19                       2.       is joined by fastening means to at least one portion of said
- 20                              at least one framework;
- 21               b.       at least one connector member
- 22                       1.       is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of
- 23                              inflatable chambers and
- 24                       2.       is joined by fastening means to said at least one second
- 25                              set of inflatable chambers;
- 26               c.       at least one connector member
- 27                       1.       is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of
- 28                              inflatable chambers and
- 29                       2.       is joined by fastening means to said at least one second
- 30                              and adjacent set of inflatable chambers and

3. passes through a hole in the portion of framing material between said adjacent sets of inflatable chambers;
- d. at least one connector member
  1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
  2. extends around at least one portion of said at least one framework and
  3. is joined by fastening means to the same said set of inflatable chambers by at least one second connection point;
- e. at least one connector member
  1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
  2. extends through a hole in at least one portion of said at least one framework that circumscribes said portion of at least one inflatable chamber and
  3. is joined by fastening means to the same said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one second connection point;
- f. spray adhesive
  1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set of inflatable chambers and
  2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one framework;
- g. adhesive other than spray adhesive
  1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set of inflatable chambers and
  2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one framework;
- h. at least one area of contact
  1. is rough in texture and/or

2. is rough in form between said at least one set of inflatable chambers and said at least one framework;

i. at least one area of contact is defined within multiple planes between said at least one set of inflatable chambers and said at least one framework;

j. elastic matter

1. is part of said at least one framework and

2. causes pressure to be applied to said at least a portion of said at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one set of inflatable chambers.

58 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 57, further comprising at least one set of inflatable chambers being held in its respective position by positioning means that additionally include the pneumatic pressure of at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one set of inflatable chambers expanding outward against a circumscribing portion of said at least one framework .

59 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 57, further comprising:

A. at least two said interlocking tabs with at least three exposed edges comprising:

i. at least one end edge and;

ii at least two side edges and;

iii at least three notches in a series along said side edges

including at least one notch that is preceded and followed by a notch that is on an opposing side edge and;

B. at least one of said at least two said interlocking tabs being attached to at least one first framing element and;

C. at least one of said at least two said interlocking tabs being attached to at least one second framing element and;

1           D.     said interlocking tab attached to said at least one first framing element  
2                 being wrapped around said interlocking tab attached to said at least  
3                 one second framing element such that notches of wrapped tabs fit  
4                 together.  
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6   60 (New).    The balloon display as recited in claim 57, further comprising at least  
7                 two said interlocking tabs including:

8           A.     at least one first said interlocking tab attached to at least one first  
9                 framing element and having within its borders an aperture and;

10          B.     at least one second said interlocking tab attached to at least one  
11                 second framing element and having a bulbous end or protrusion;

12          C.     said bulbous end being passed through said aperture and;

13          D.     said bulbous end being configured and positioned such that said  
14                 bulbous end is resistant to passing back through said aperture.  
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16   61 (New).    The balloon display as recited in claim 57, further comprising at least  
17                 one break or gap in the material defining said hole used for the passage of  
18                 said connector member; said break or gap being sufficient for said connector  
19                 member to be inserted into said hole through said break or gap.  
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21   62 (New).    The balloon display as recited in claim 61, further comprising said  
22                 break or gap being configured such that said break or gap is resistant to said  
23                 connector member exiting said hole through said break or gap.  
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25   63 (New).    The balloon display as recited in claim 57, further comprising said at  
26                 least one connector member being at least one neck, stem, tab, protrusion or  
27                 other extension of the material forming said set of inflatable chambers.  
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29   64 (New).    A balloon display comprising:



1           A.     a plurality of frameworks for supporting balloons wherein at least two  
2           frameworks of said plurality of frameworks is comprised of material that  
3           includes a plurality of apertures and;

4           B.     at least one first set of inflatable chambers wherein:

5                i       said at least one first set is comprised of at least one inflatable  
6                chamber and;

7                ii      at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one first set of  
8                inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;

9                iii     at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at least  
10              one first set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by at least  
11              one first aperture of said at least two frameworks and;

12          C.     at least one second set of inflatable chambers wherein:

13                i       said at least one second set is comprised of at least one  
14                inflatable chamber and;

15                ii      at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one second set  
16                of inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;

17                iii     at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at  
18                least one second set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by  
19                at least one second aperture of said at least two frameworks;

20           wherein said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and said at least one  
21           second set of inflatable chambers are held in their respective positions by  
22           positioning means that include one or more positioning means selected from  
23           the group consisting of:

24                a.     at least one connector member

25                    1.   is joined by fastening means to at least one said set of  
26                    inflatable chambers and

27                    2.   is joined by fastening means to at least one portion of said  
28                    at least two frameworks;

29                b.     at least one connector member

1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and
2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second set of inflatable chambers;
- c. at least one connector member
  1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and
  2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second and adjacent set of inflatable chambers and
  3. passes through a hole in the portion of framing material between said adjacent sets of inflatable chambers;
- d. at least one connector member
  1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
  2. extends around at least one portion of said at least two frameworks and
  3. is joined by fastening means to the same said set of inflatable chambers by at least one second connection point;
- e. at least one connector member
  1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
  2. extends through a hole in at least one portion of said at least two frameworks that circumscribes said portion of at least one inflatable chamber and
  3. is joined by fastening means to the same said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one second connection point;
- f. spray adhesive
  1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set of inflatable chambers and

2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least two frameworks ;
  - g. adhesive other than spray adhesive
    1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set of inflatable chambers and
    2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least two frameworks;
  - h. at least one area of contact
    1. is rough in texture and/or
    2. is rough in form between said at least one set of inflatable chambers and said at least two frameworks;
  - i. at least one area of contact is defined within multiple planes between said at least one set of inflatable chambers and said at least two frameworks;
  - j. elastic matter
    1. is part of said at least two frameworks and
    2. causes pressure to be applied to said at least a portion of said at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one set of inflatable chambers and;
- wherein said at least two frameworks are connected with connection means that include one or more connection means selected from the group consisting of:
- a. a first framework of said at least two frameworks and a second framework of said at least two frameworks are joined by fastening means to a common said set of inflatable chambers;
  - b. a first framework of said at least two frameworks is joined by fastening means to a first said set of inflatable chambers and a second framework of said at least two frameworks is joined by fastening means to a second said set of inflatable chambers

- 1 and said first said set of inflatable chambers and said second  
2 said set of inflatable chambers are joined by fastening means;  
3 c. at least one neck, stem, tab, protrusion or other portion of said  
4 at least one set of inflatable chambers is connected by fastening  
5 means to said at least two frameworks;  
6 d. at least one tab extension of a first framework of said at least  
7 two frameworks connects by fastening means to a second  
8 framework of said at least two frameworks;  
9 e. at least one tab extension of a first framework of said at least  
10 two frameworks connects by fastening means to at least one tab  
11 extension of a second framework of said at least two  
12 frameworks.

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15 65 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising:

- 16 A. at least two said tab extensions with at least three exposed edges  
17 comprising:  
18 i at least one end edge and at least two side edges and;  
19 ii at least three notches in a series along said side edges  
20 including at least one notch that is preceded and followed by a  
21 notch that is on an opposing side edge and;  
22 B. at least one of said at least two said tab extensions being attached to  
23 at least one first framework and;  
24 C. at least one of said at least two said tab extensions being attached to  
25 at least one second framework and;  
26 D. said tab extension attached to said at least one first framework being  
27 wrapped around said tab extension attached to said at least one  
28 second framework such that notches of wrapped tabs fit together.  
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1 66 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising a set of  
2 at least two interlocking tab extensions wherein:  
3 A. a first said tab extension is attached to at least one first framework and  
4 has within its borders an aperture and;  
5 B. a second said tab extension is attached to at least one second  
6 framework and has a bulbous end or protrusion and;  
7 C. said bulbous end being passed through said aperture and;  
8 D. said bulbous end being configured and positioned such that said  
9 bulbous end is resistant to passing back through said aperture.  
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11 67 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising  
12 interlocking straps said straps incorporating matched sets of notches and/or  
13 slits that may be nested to hold one strap to another at predetermined  
14 intervals.  
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16 68 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising a portion  
17 of at least one said set of inflatable chambers that wraps around overlapping  
18 portions of said at least two frameworks.  
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20 69 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising at least  
21 one set of inflatable chambers being held in its respective position by  
22 positioning means that additionally include the pneumatic pressure of at least  
23 one inflatable chamber of said at least one set of inflatable chambers  
24 expanding outward against a circumscribing portion of said at least two  
25 frameworks.  
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27 70 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising at least  
28 one break or gap in the material defining said hole used for the passage of  
29 said connector member; said break or gap being sufficient for said connector  
30 member to be inserted into said hole through said break or gap.

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3 71 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising said at  
4 least one connector member being at least one neck, stem, tab, protrusion or  
5 other extension of the material forming said set of inflatable chambers.